



## **Evidence-Based Systematic Review: Effects of Service Delivery on the Speech and Language Skills of Children From Birth to 5 Years of Age**

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Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) providing services to young children (i.e., birth–5 years) with communication disorders face a myriad of decisions and responsibilities. These responsibilities range from the prevention and identification of communication disorders to the development, execution, and monitoring of treatment plans. Decisions regarding treatment not only include selecting an appropriate intervention but also identifying and conscientiously addressing any other variables that may play a role in augmenting treatment effects. One such variable is the appropriate framework or service delivery model for implementing an intervention.

Because service delivery is complex and multidimensional, choosing the best format in which to deliver speech and language treatment can be a daunting task. Variables to consider include determining the location of service (e.g., home, clinic, classroom, or pull-out), the service provider (e.g., SLP, parent, or paraprofessional), the format of the service provision (e.g., group vs. individual), and the dosage (e.g., frequency, intensity, and duration) of services (Cirrin et al., 2010). The complexity of this issue is further confounded by federal mandates SLPs must adhere to that outline important considerations when providing service to this population.

According to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), services to children from birth up to age 3 are to be family-centered and provided in natural environments to the greatest extent appropriate to meet the individual needs of the child. Natural environments include home and community settings that are typical or common for same-age children without disabilities. Similar provisions are provided under Part B of IDEA for preschool and school-age students that require that children with disabilities be educated in the least restrictive environment. This includes being educated with nondisabled children “to the maximum extent appropriate” to meet the specific educational needs of the student (U.S. Congress, 2004). Although these mandates highlight the importance of service delivery and attempt to ensure that children with speech and language needs receive the most appropriate services, they do not provide sufficient guidance to clinicians who must consider all aspects of service delivery in order to develop a comprehensive treatment plan. Given all of the challenges SLPs face when developing treatment plans and choosing service delivery models, it is essential that clinicians are up to date regarding the state of the evidence for young children with speech and language needs.

To remain current with the research SLPs are, more often, looking to evidence-based systematic reviews (EBSRs) for a concise view and analysis of the scientific literature. EBSRs present a comprehensive synthesis of the scientific research on a given topic, and their findings can be a useful tool to guide clinicians making evidence-based decisions about treatment and the optimal framework in which it is best delivered. Within the past 25 years, several systematic reviews have been published specifically addressing the effectiveness of different service delivery models. These reviews have examined dosage, parent-implemented versus clinician-administered therapy, inclusive versus segregated settings, classroom-based versus pull-out treatment, and school versus clinic setting. Although findings from these reviews provide some insight into various dimensions of service delivery and their effect on the treatment outcomes of young children with speech or language impairments, the mixed findings along with a number of methodological shortcomings restrict their overall clinical utility.

The primary aim of this evidence-based review was to further examine service delivery models for children from birth through 5 years of age with communication disorders. Moreover, this review attempted to address some of the limitations noted in previous systematic reviews such as the comparability of interventions across service delivery aspects, consistency in outcome, and sufficiency of treatment description and service delivery definitions. These considerations are illuminated below along with the rationale for targeting the following aspects of service delivery used to develop our clinical questions: *frequency, intensity, and duration of service; direct and indirect service; individual and group treatment; and treatment setting.*

## **Dosage**

Examining the effect of treatment dosage in speech-language pathology has been an important aspect of service delivery. However, it has been difficult to determine the effects of

dosage due to its several distinct elements. These elements include the total amount of treatment and how that treatment is distributed and, more specifically, the number and length of treatment sessions over a given amount of time. Recent definitions of treatment dosage have been expanded to include not only the amount of treatment sessions but also the actual number of teaching episodes implemented during a single treatment session (Warren, Fey, & Yoder, 2007). Because different aspects of treatment dosage have been examined, comparing results across studies has been further complicated by the lack of common terminology or definitions for each aspect. For example, definitions for *treatment intensity* alone vary substantially from study to study and have included such features as the quality and quantity of service, the number of hours, the level of participation, the proportion of adults to children during treatment, and the number of specific therapeutic episodes of service over time (Warren et al., 2007).

Previous systematic reviews have differed in their conclusions as to the effect of dosage on treatment outcomes. An early meta-analysis by Nye, Foster, and Seaman (1987) found no significant differences in effect sizes relative to treatment duration or length of individual treatment sessions in children with language disorders. Conversely, a later meta-analysis by Law, Garrett, and Nye (2004) found that longer treatment durations (over 8 weeks) were associated with better clinical outcomes compared to those of shorter duration for this same population. However, poor description of study design and combination of different outcomes and interventions severely limited the conclusions that could be drawn. Reichow and Wolery (2009) found similar support for early intensive behavioral intervention in a subpopulation of young children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). An analysis of the 13 included studies revealed that increased treatment dosage had a positive effect on cognitive outcomes with longer duration

and more total hours of therapy associated with a higher probability of achieving large gains in IQ scores.

Given the mixed findings of previous literature, a further examination of the treatment effect of frequency, intensity, and duration of SLP services was justified (see Table 1, Clinical Question 1). For this EBSR, we defined *intensity* as the amount of time spent in each treatment session, *frequency* as the number of treatment sessions over a set period of time (usually 1 week), *duration* as the length of treatment received, and *total dosage* as the overall amount of treatment received.

### **Service Provider**

The selection of a service provider is another aspect of service delivery that bears further investigation. Although speech and language services have traditionally been delivered by SLPs, young children may receive treatment from a variety of alternative service providers including speech-language therapy assistants, parents, caregivers, teachers, peers, or others (Blosser & Kratcoski, 1997). Considering the distinct and essential role that parents and caregivers play in a young child's development, intervention provided by these individuals may provide unique opportunities to maximize treatment outcomes. For example, parents and caregivers can consistently implement an intervention throughout the course of a day in a variety of settings that are important to the child and family thereby enhancing skill development, generalization, and maintenance. Additionally, given that many early intervention programs have adopted a primary service provider or transdisciplinary model (National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, 2009), other professionals (e.g., early interventionists) are likely to be involved in implementing speech and language programs.

The effect of service provider has been studied in various systematic reviews. In Law et al. (2004), no significant differences were shown between clinician-administered interventions and those implemented by trained parents to children with speech-language disorders. Other reviews examining parent-mediated or parent-managed interventions in children with ASD found inconclusive results. One review (Diggle, McConachie, & Randle, 2003) noted mixed results across the two included trials, one favoring the parent-training group over community day care for child language and maternal outcomes and the other favoring intensive intervention delivered by professionals over parent-mediated services for child outcomes. Doughty (2004) investigated the primary and secondary evidence on the effectiveness of behavioral interventions and skill-based interventions for young children with ASD. In two studies, parent-managed intensive behavioral intervention was found to be less effective than clinic-based programs. One study noted that parent training in behavioral intervention was more effective for improving communication outcomes over usual care. A systematic review of six studies of parents as primary intervention providers revealed that parental involvement was associated with positive outcomes in speech, language, and play skills (Levy, Kim, & Olive, 2006). Brunner and Seung (2009) examined communication-based treatments and noted that the findings supported the efficacy of parent-based developmental interventions. A final review by McConachie and Diggle (2007) found that parent training may lead to improved communication, increased maternal communication, and increased parent-child interaction. The variability among the studies included in these reviews did not allow for comparison of the effect of the treatment administered by a parent versus clinician or alternative service provider. It is also important to note that because most of these reviews focused solely on children with ASD, the findings may not generalize to the broader population of young children in need of SLP services.

Table 1 outlines the second clinical question pertaining to service provider. Services provided by an SLP are considered *direct treatments* in this review, whereas *indirect treatments* are those delivered by any other individual, typically under the direction of an SLP.

### **Format of Treatment**

A third aspect of service delivery addressed in our review targeted the format of the treatment (see Table 1, Clinical Question 3). This is an important question as the selection of individual or group treatment is often influenced by a number of extraneous factors unrelated to the child's individual needs such as caseload size (Dowden et al., 2006) or SLP shortages (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association [ASHA], 2008). The effects of treatment format were investigated in a single systematic review (Law, Garrett, & Nye, 2003), which found no significant difference between group and individual treatment in children with primary speech-language delay or disorder.

### **Treatment Setting**

Lastly, federal mandates directing clinicians to provide treatment in naturalistic settings and the least restrictive environment prompted our final question detailed in Table 1. The influence of these settings on speech and language outcomes in young children is unclear and has yet to be fully explored. Treatment setting ranges from home, clinic, school, or community, to integrated classrooms, segregated classrooms, pull-out settings, and classroom settings.

Two previous reviews were found pertaining to treatment setting; however, the results were mixed and limited by the number of treatment settings compared (i.e., classroom vs. pull-out services and integrated vs. segregated settings). McGinty and Justice (2006) examined the experimental evidence concerning the relative effectiveness of classroom-based service versus pull-out service for preschool or early-elementary children with language impairments. Two

studies reported better outcomes for collaborative, classroom-based services over pull-out services on vocabulary outcomes, whereas a third study reported no significant differences between classroom and pull-out services on total language and expressive scores and an advantage for pull-out services on receptive language measures. Buysse and Bailey (1993) also found no significant differences between integrated and segregated placements on developmental outcomes for young children with disabilities but reported potential benefits of integrated settings on social and behavioral outcomes.

The primary aim of these clinical questions and this review was to examine the effects of each service delivery dimension as well as the characteristics of the children and treatments to provide clinicians with the necessary information to make sound clinical decisions.

### **Method**

A systematic literature search was conducted from September 2009 through January 2010. A broad set of key words related to early intervention, communication disorders, speech-language pathology, dosage, and service delivery was generated by the author panel. These key words were then mapped to the medical subject headings from the National Library of Medicine or to the controlled vocabulary specific to each of the searched databases (see Appendix A for a complete list of databases, search dates, and corresponding search terms). Truncated search terms were used to capture spelling or suffix variations. To identify as many relevant citations as possible, the systematic search combined a pearl growing strategy (Hawkins & Wagers, 1982) and plain text searching. Additional citations were identified through hand searches of references from all full-text articles and narrative reviews and through forward citation tracking of relevant articles.



Studies were considered for review if they were published in a peer-reviewed journal (including “in-press” studies) between 1975 and December 2009, were written in English, and contained original data addressing one or more of the four clinical questions. Additionally, studies had to examine infants, toddlers, or preschoolers from birth through 5 years of age with speech-language impairment as either a primary disorder or secondary to other conditions (e.g., developmental delay, cognitive disabilities, or hearing impairment). We excluded studies if the participants were within the target age range but enrolled in kindergarten (as these children were included in a different review; Cirrin et al., 2010) or if the participants were considered “at-risk” but were not identified with speech-language impairment. To examine the effects of service delivery, included studies had to incorporate an experimental, quasi-experimental, or multiple baseline single-subject design in which the type of intervention was held constant and only the service delivery model or dosage of the intervention varied. An additional inclusion criterion applied only to Clinical Question 2 (What is the effect of indirect versus direct service on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?). Because direct treatment was defined as intervention provided by an SLP, studies addressing this clinical question had to include service provision by an SLP.

Figure 1 displays the findings from the systematic search. Two authors independently reviewed 801 abstracts for inclusion. Of these, 110 were preliminarily accepted, and the full text of these articles was reviewed. This resulted in an additional 93 studies being excluded because they did not meet one or more of the inclusion criteria. A total of 17 citations were included in the final analysis. Study eligibility agreement between reviewers was 89%, and all disagreements were resolved by consensus. A log of excluded studies and the reason for exclusion is included in Appendix B.

All included articles were assessed for methodological quality by two independent evaluators using ASHA's level of evidence scheme (Mullen, 2007). This structured system was used to identify areas of possible bias or methodological weaknesses across eight domains including study protocol description, blinding, sampling/allocation, participant comparability/description, treatment fidelity (of the service delivery model), statistical significance, precision, and intention to treat. A study received 1 point for each quality indicator meeting the highest criteria in a corresponding category (see Table 2). For controlled trials, all eight quality markers were applicable leading to a maximum quality score of 8. Other study designs in which an intention to treat analysis was not relevant could receive a maximum quality score of 7. Agreement between the two evaluators was 81%, and all scoring discrepancies were resolved through consensus. All studies, regardless of quality marker score, were included in the analysis.

The same two evaluators also completed the data extraction for each of the studies. The data extraction process was used to summarize the important characteristics of each study and included key elements concerning the participants, interventions, service delivery characteristics, outcomes, major findings, and study limitations. Disagreements regarding the summaries were also resolved through discussion and consensus.

Effect sizes were included if they were reported by the authors in the article. When not reported, effect sizes and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated for outcome measures when possible. For group studies, Cohen's *d* was calculated from group posttest means and standard deviations or estimated from results of analyses of variance or *t* tests (Cohen, 1988). For single-subject designs with adequate data, a weighted effect size was calculated for targeted outcome measures (Beeson & Robey, 2006; Busk & Serlin, 1992). Clinical significance of an

effect size was determined by analyzing the range included in the corresponding 95% CI. If the CI did not contain the null value ( $d = 0$ ), the effect was considered clinically significant. Given that each included study compared one or more aspects of service delivery and that there was no control condition, direction of effect size (i.e., positive or negative) was simply assigned for each clinical question. A synthesis of study results is presented below by clinical question.

## **Results**

Table 3 summarizes the clinical questions addressed, study design, and quality markers of the 17 studies meeting the inclusion criteria for this EBSR. Ten of the studies examined the effects of treatment dosage (Question 1), four studies compared direct treatment to indirect treatment (Question 2), six studies compared individual treatment to group treatment (Question 3), and nine studies investigated the effects of treatment setting on speech and language outcomes in young children (Question 4). This total exceeds 17 because many of the studies (6/17) varied across multiple aspects of service delivery and therefore addressed more than one clinical question. Included studies were either controlled trials (14/17) or single-subject design investigations (3/17). Methodological quality ratings varied across the 17 studies. Most of the controlled trials (10/14) achieved a quality-marker score of 5 or below. Smith, Groen, and Wynn (2000) received the highest quality marker score (7/8) of the controlled trials included in this review. Scores for the three single-subject design investigations ranged from 2 (Chiara, Schuster, Bell, & Wolery, 1995) to 3 (Colozzi, Ward, & Crotty, 2008; Venn, Wolery, & Greco, 1996) out of a possible score of 7. Most of the studies reported statistical significance (14/17), group comparability at baseline (14/17), descriptions of the study protocol (12/17), evidence of treatment fidelity (11/17), or sufficient data to compute effect sizes and CIs (10/17). However, studies were lacking in other areas. Fewer than half of the studies reported assessor blinding

(6/17) or random allocation of participants with an adequate description of the randomization procedures (4/17). Additionally, none of the controlled trials reported using an intention-to-treat standard in data analysis.

### **Participant and Intervention Characteristics**

A total of 491 participants age 20–66 months were examined with individual study sample size ranging from one to 96 participants (see Table 4). Of the studies reporting gender, 67% of the participants were male, and 33% were female. Medical or SLP diagnoses of participants varied and included speech-language delay/disorder (68%), developmental delay (20%), and ASD (12%). A range of treatment approaches and techniques were employed in the various studies including but not limited to interactive modeling, dialogic reading, discrete trial instruction, constant time delay, incidental learning, phonological awareness, and sound discrimination.

### **Clinical Question 1: What is the effect of frequency, intensity, or duration of service on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?**

Table 5 provides a description of the treatment schedules, outcomes, and relevant findings included in the 10 studies. Half of the studies (5/10) compared more than one aspect of service delivery (e.g., dosage and treatment setting). Two of the studies were single-subject designs (Chiara et al., 1995; Venn et al., 1996), and the remaining eight were controlled trials. Thirty-five effect sizes (with corresponding CIs) were reported or calculable from six studies (Eiserman, Weber, & McCoun, 1990, 1992; Lonigan & Whitehurst, 1998; Smith et al., 2000; Whitehurst et al., 1994; Wilcox, Kouri, & Caswell, 1991) and ranged from –1.17 to 1.77. For this clinical question, a positive effect size reflects results favoring a more intensive or higher amount

of treatment, and a negative effect size reflects gains favoring a less intensive or lower amount of treatment. Twenty-eight of the 35 effect sizes (80%) had CIs that included the null value and were not considered clinically significant. Of the seven clinically significant effect sizes, six favored a more intensive or greater amount of treatment.

Lonigan and Whitehurst (1998) compared three groups of children with receptive and expressive vocabulary delays. One group received dialogic reading instruction daily at school, a second group received this instruction daily at home, and the third group received daily instruction at home and school. Compared to the school only group, the group receiving home and school instruction showed greater gains,  $d = 1.07$ , 95% CI [0.08, 1.97], on the verbal expression subtest of the Illinois Test of Psycholinguistic Abilities (ITPA; Kirk, McCarthy, & Kirk, 1968) and on mean length of utterance (MLU),  $d = 1.61$ , 95% CI [0.5, 2.58]. The school plus home instruction group also showed larger gains than the home instruction only group on the verbal expression subtest of the ITPA,  $d = 1.25$ , 95% CI [0.03, 2.3], as well as on the number of different words used in a language sample,  $d = 1.77$ , 95% CI [0.44, 2.86]. In another study (Eiserman et al., 1990), preschoolers receiving intervention four times weekly showed greater gains than those receiving treatment once weekly on responding to requests during a parent–child language sample,  $d = 0.82$ , 95% CI [0.15, 1.46], and on the number of unintelligible child utterances in an SLP–child language sample,  $d = 0.74$ , 95% CI [0.09, 1.37]. However, children receiving less intensive intervention produced more spontaneous utterances in a parent–child language sample,  $d = -1.17$ , 95% CI [-1.82, -0.47]. In a second-year follow-up study (Eiserman et al., 1992), five children from the intensive treatment group and seven children from the once-weekly group continued to receive intervention, but no language sample results were reported.

Other studies (Barrat, Littlejohns, & Thompson, 1992; Chiara et al., 1995; Eiserman et al., 1990; Luiselli, Cannon, Ellis, & Sisson, 2000; Venn et al., 1996) provided information to address this clinical question but did not report sufficient information to calculate effect sizes or CIs. In Barrat et al. (1992), preschoolers who received SLP treatment four times per week for 24 sessions showed significant gains ( $p = .02$ ) on the expression subtest of the Reynell Developmental Language Scales (RDLS; Reynell, 1977) compared to those who received the same number of sessions distributed one time per week. However, no significant differences were noted between the two groups on the comprehension subtest of the RDLS. The single participant in Chiara et al. (1995) required fewer trials to reach criterion in a picture-naming activity in an individual distributed trial format (42 trials) compared to the small group massed trial format (140 trials). Maintenance and generalization were similar across both conditions. Luiselli et al. (2000) compared children with ASD who began discrete trial training prior to age 3 to a group who started after age 3. The two groups differed significantly on the average amount of weekly treatment but not on total amount or duration of treatment. No significant differences in the communication domain of the Early Learning Accomplishments Profile (ELAP; Glover, Priminger, & Sanford, 1988) or Learning Accomplishments Profile (LAP; Sanford & Zelman, 1981) were noted. However, additional analyses of the different aspects of treatment dosage (e.g., hours of treatment per week and total amount of treatment) revealed that duration of treatment was a significant predictor of change ( $p < .002$ ) for the communication domain of the ELAP or LAP. Another study (Venn et al., 1996) compared the effects of instruction provided every day versus every other day on the letter- or number-naming abilities of two children with ASD. Both children required fewer sessions, trials, and minutes of instruction to reach criterion in the every other day condition. However, maintenance and generalization of naming abilities

were the same for both treatment conditions. Three outcome measures from Eiserman et al. (1990) had effect sizes that were not analyzable because CIs could not be calculated. Reported  $p$  values for these measures (i.e., Preschool Language Scale [PLS] Total Developmental Quotient, Test for Auditory Comprehension of Language—Revised [TACL–R] Total Developmental Quotient, and developmental sentence score from the parent–child language sample) were all nonsignificant ( $p >.05$ ).

**Clinical Question 2: What is the effect of direct versus indirect service on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?**

Table 6 details the results of the four studies. All four studies were controlled trials that compared treatment provided by an SLP (direct treatment) to intervention provided by trained parents (indirect treatment). All of the investigations examined language or vocabulary outcomes, and three of the studies (Barnett, Escobar, & Ravsten, 1998; Eiserman et al., 1990, 1992) examined articulation outcomes as well. Twenty-three effect sizes and CIs from three of the studies were reported or calculable. Effect sizes ranged from  $-1.17$  to  $1.24$ . Most of the CIs (19/23, or 83%) of the effect sizes included the null value, indicating no clinically significant differences in outcomes between direct and indirect treatment. For studies addressing this clinical question, a negative effect size indicates greater gains for the children receiving direct treatment, and a positive effect size indicates greater gains for the children receiving indirect treatment. Mixed results were noted across the four significant effect sizes, which examined outcomes from child language samples. Three of the four came from one investigation (Eiserman et al., 1990), described previously, which addressed all four clinical questions. Indirect treatment by parents who had been trained by an SLP demonstrated significant effects for two outcomes (i.e., child responding to requests during a parent–child language sample and the number of

unintelligible child utterances in an SLP–child language sample), and direct treatment produced a significant effect for one outcome (i.e., percentage of spontaneous child utterances during a parent–child language sample). These same outcomes were not assessed in a follow-up (Eiserman et al., 1992) of 12 children who continued to receive treatment in their original groups. In Gibbard (1994), children with an expressive language delay receiving indirect treatment showed greater gains on MLU than those receiving treatment by an SLP,  $d = 1.24$ , 95% CI [0.14, 2.2].

Barnett et al. (1988) also examined the effects of direct and indirect treatment, but no effect sizes were calculable. In this study, preschoolers who received indirect treatment showed significant pre- to posttreatment improvement on the PLS (Zimmerman, Steiner, & Pond, 1979;  $p < .01$ ) and on the Arizona Articulation Proficiency Scale (AAPS; Fudala, 1974;  $p < .05$ ). The group receiving direct treatment did not demonstrate significant improvement on either measure. In Eiserman et al. (1990), no significant differences ( $p > .05$ ) were reported between direct and indirect treatment on the PLS, TACL–R, or the developmental sentence score from a parent–child language sample.

### **Clinical Question 3: What is the effect of individual versus group treatment on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?**

Table 7 provides a description of the outcomes and relevant findings for the six studies addressing this question. Four of the studies were controlled trials and two were single-subject design investigations. Across the four controlled trials, 20 effect sizes with CIs were calculable and ranged from  $-1.17$  to  $0.83$ . Again, most of these (17/20, or 85%) had a CI that included the null value, indicating effects that were not considered clinically significant. Negative effect sizes represent outcomes favoring group treatment, and positive effect sizes reflect outcomes favoring



individual treatment. The same three effect sizes from Eiserman et al. (1990) were the only significant findings for this clinical question. In this study, children receiving individual treatment had fewer unintelligible utterances in an SLP–child language sample and more responses to parent requests in a parent–child language sample, whereas those receiving group treatment demonstrated a greater percentage of spontaneous utterances in a parent–child language sample.

Additional studies addressed this question, but effect sizes or CIs were not reported or calculable. In Chiara et al. (1995), the participant needed fewer trials to achieve picture-naming skills in individual treatment using a distributed trial format (42 trials) compared to small group treatment using a massed trial format (140 trials). However, maintenance and generalization of skills were similar across both conditions. Another study (Colozzi et al., 2008) investigated the use of a simultaneous prompting procedure in individual and small group settings. Children required roughly the same amount of treatment sessions and trials to reach criterion under both conditions. However, more targets were acquired in the group treatment setting, leading the authors to conclude that some observational learning had occurred in the small group setting. There were no differences noted between the two treatment conditions in generalization of skills. Another study (Eiserman et al., 1990) reported no significant differences ( $p > .05$ ) between individual and group treatment on the PLS, TACL–R, or the developmental sentence score from a parent–child language sample.

**Clinical Question 4: What is the effect of treatment setting (home vs. clinic, classroom vs. pull-out, etc.) on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?**

The nine controlled trials targeting this clinical question compared a variety of treatment settings (see Table 8). Five studies (Barnett et al., 1988; Crain-Thorenson & Dale, 1999, Eiserman et al., 1990, 1992; Lonigan & Whitehurst, 1998) compared the effects of clinic or school-based treatment to home-based treatment; two studies (Harris, Handelman, Kristoff, Bass, & Gordon, 1990; Rafferty, Piscitelli, & Boettcher, 2003) compared integrated and segregated classrooms; and two studies (Valdez & Montgomery, 1996; Wilcox et al., 1991) investigated the effects of classroom-based versus pull-out intervention. For this question, direction of effect size was assigned as follows: Treatments favoring clinic or school-based (negative effect size) compared to home-based (positive effect size); treatments favoring segregated classrooms (negative effect size) compared to integrated or inclusive classrooms (positive effect size); and treatments favoring individual pull-out (negative effect size) compared to classroom-based or collaborative models (positive effect size).

From the five studies comparing clinic or school-based treatment to home treatment, 22 effect sizes and corresponding CIs were reported or calculable and ranged from  $-1.17$  to  $0.83$ . Nineteen of the 22 effect sizes (86%) had CIs that included the null value and were not considered clinically significant. All three of the clinically significant effect sizes were from a study (Eiserman et al., 1990) that compared multiple aspects of service delivery including clinic and home-based treatments. Children receiving home-based treatment were more responsive to requests during a parent-child language sample,  $d = 0.82$ , 95% CI  $[0.15, 1.46]$ , and had fewer unintelligible utterances in an SLP-child language sample,  $d = 0.74$ , 95% CI  $[0.09, 1.37]$ , than children receiving clinic-based treatment from SLPs. However, clinic-based treatment yielded greater spontaneous utterance production in a parent-child language sample,  $d = -1.17$ , 95% CI  $[-1.82, -0.47]$ . Other studies provided further evidence, although effect sizes and CIs were not

reported or calculable. In one investigation (Eiserman et al., 1990), no significant differences were noted between clinic and home-based treatment on various language measures (i.e., PLS, TACL-R, and developmental sentence score). In another study comparing clinic and home-based treatment (Barnett et al., 1988), children receiving home-based treatment exhibited significant gains on the PLS—Revised Edition (PLS-R; Zimmerman et al., 1979;  $p < .01$ ) and the AAPS ( $p < .05$ ), whereas the clinic-based group did not.

The two studies comparing segregated and integrated classrooms yielded six effect sizes ranging from  $-0.05$  to  $0.84$ . Four of the six effect sizes (67%) had CIs containing the null value, indicating no clinically significant difference in outcomes. Rafferty et al. (2003) evaluated the effects of inclusive and segregated preschool programs on the language abilities of children with disabilities. Among participants classified as having severe disabilities, greater gains were made from inclusive programs on the auditory comprehension subscale,  $d = 0.81$ , 95% CI [ $0.19, 1.38$ ], and expressive language subscale,  $d = 0.84$ , 95% CI [ $0.22, 1.42$ ], of the PLS—Third Edition (PLS-3; Zimmerman, Steiner, & Pond, 1992) than children in segregated classrooms. For children with less severe disabilities, inclusive and segregated classes did not have a differential impact, and language gains were similar across both settings.

Three effect sizes were calculable from studies comparing individual pull-out treatment to classroom-based or collaborative models. These effect sizes ranged from  $0.24$  to  $0.56$ . All three had a CI that included the null value, indicating effects that were not considered clinically significant. Another study provided additional information, but effect sizes or CIs were not reported or calculable. Valdez and Montgomery (1996) compared the effects of pull-out and classroom-based intervention and reported no significant differences in Clinical Evaluation of

Language Fundamentals—Preschool (Wiig, Secord, & Semel, 1991) scores between the two groups.

### **Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations**

In an attempt to understand the extent to which the findings from this review can be generalized to diverse populations, the cultural and linguistic characteristics of the participants were examined to determine if the results of the studies varied across any of these characteristics (see Table 9). Two of the studies (Barratt et al., 1992; Gibbard, 1994) were conducted in England, and the remaining 15 were conducted in the United States. Two studies (Eiserman et al., 1990; Lonigan & Whitehurst, 1998) reported that English was the primary home language for all participants, and a third (Whitehurst et al., 1994) indicated that 90% of mothers spoke English as their primary home language. The remaining studies did not report linguality. Race or ethnicity information was indicated in seven studies (Barratt et al., 1992; Eiserman et al., 1990; Lonigan & Whitehurst, 1998; Rafferty et al., 2003; Smith et al., 2000; Valdez & Montgomery, 1996; Whitehurst et al., 1994) and varied widely. For example, all of the participants in Eiserman et al. (1990) were Caucasian, whereas all of the participants in Valdez and Montgomery (1996) were African American. Overall, the disparity in race/ethnicity among the studies did not appear to influence the findings. However, one investigation (Barratt et al., 1992) analyzed the results of Whites and non-Whites separately and found that Whites made significantly greater gains in language expression but not in language comprehension.

Other parent and family factors were also reported. The percentage of families with both parents in the home was noted in five studies (Barnett et al., 1988; Eiserman et al., 1990; Rafferty et al., 2003; Smith et al., 2000; Whitehurst et al., 1994) and ranged from 58% to 95%. The education level of parents was reported in five studies. The mean years of education ranged

from 12.32 to 14.5 years. One study (Barnett et al., 1988) reported that most parents had attended college, and another (Rafferty et al., 2003) indicated that 48% of mothers and 40% of fathers had some level of education beyond high school. Three studies (Eiserman et al., 1990; Rafferty et al., 2003; Whitehurst et al., 1994) specified the employment level of the parents. The percentage of mothers working outside of the home ranged from 37% to 91%, and the percentage of fathers/partners working outside the home ranged from 70% to 92%. Eiserman et al. (1990) reported that 67.5% of the fathers held technical/managerial positions or above and worked an average of 40.75 hr per week. Seven studies reported data on the socioeconomic status of the participants. Two studies (Lonigan & Whitehurst, 1998; Whitehurst et al., 1994) described the participants as “low income;” one (Valdez & Montgomery, 1996) noted that all participants were eligible for Head Start, and one (Barnett et al., 1988) indicated that all families were middle income. The mean household income of participants in Eiserman et al. (1990) was \$27,449, and the median family income in Smith et al. (2000) was \$40,000–\$50,000. One investigation from England (Gibbard, 1994) used a social class scale (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, 1980) in which most of the participants ranged from Level 2–3N. Despite the diversity in cultural, family, and linguistic factors of the study populations, there was little variation in study results. Therefore, it does not appear that any of these factors consistently influenced the findings.

## **Discussion**

The purpose of this systematic review was to determine the effects of service delivery characteristics on the speech and language skills of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with communication disorders. Four clinical questions were developed to differentiate the various aspects of service delivery including treatment dosage, service provider, treatment format, and

treatment setting. A total of 17 studies were found that examined one or more of these aspects. A consistent trend was noted across the included studies. The overwhelming majority of results reported for each of the four questions showed that the various aspects of service delivery did not have a significant effect on speech and language outcomes. However, the interpretation and clinical implication of these findings is unclear due to a number of limitations and factors involved in examining service delivery.

One of the confounders of previous systematic reviews examining some aspect of service delivery was that in many of the included studies both the intervention and the service delivery model varied. Because of this, it is not known if it was the service delivery model or the active ingredients of the various interventions that brought about any of the resulting changes. In this EBSR, we tried to control for this variable by only including studies in which the intervention was reportedly held constant. However, it was not always clear if a treatment was truly held constant or if the treatments provided under each service delivery condition were simply near-equivalents of one another. For example, some of the studies suggested that participants received the same intervention or curriculum but provided limited descriptions of the treatment procedures or noted that the treatments were individualized (e.g., structured teaching methods and games to increase linguistic complexity; language development through play in addition to structured work on individual child's language needs; individualized pragmatic approach focusing on social interaction, language stimulation, and speech development; treatment targeting concept development; developmentally organized and language-focused preschool combining incidental learning and structured teaching). These vague descriptions provide little insight into the key components of the intervention. Clinically, individualization and flexibility in treatment implementation are important components of providing intervention. However,

when investigating the impact of service delivery, these factors introduce variability that may undermine the findings.

Another factor to consider when interpreting these results is the interrelated and multidimensional nature of service delivery. Many of the included studies (6/17) examined more than one aspect of service delivery. Furthermore, one study (Eiserman et al., 1990) and its follow-up investigation (Eiserman et al., 1992) examined all four aspects of service delivery targeted in this review (i.e., dosage, treatment provider, treatment format, and treatment setting). Because many of the significant effect sizes reported for each clinical question were from Eiserman et al. (1990), it is unclear which service delivery characteristic or combination of characteristics may have affected these outcomes. Even the studies that only addressed one clinical question often varied across more than just a single aspect of service delivery. For example, in Crain-Thoreson and Dale (1999), one group received parent instruction at home and the other received staff instruction at school. Because the instruction at school was not provided by an SLP, it did not address Clinical Question 2 (direct vs. indirect treatment), but it still differed in multiple aspects of service delivery (i.e., treatment provider and treatment setting).

The interdependent and complex factors of service delivery do not lend themselves to easy investigation. For example, studies that compare treatment providers (SLP vs. parent) may, understandably, also vary across treatment setting (clinic vs. home). Likewise, study participants receiving different treatment intensities may also receive different amounts of treatment. Findings from these types of studies (i.e., those assessing more than one aspect of service delivery) do not allow for accurate interpretation of the results to ascertain which service delivery component or combination of components may augment (or inhibit) treatment effects.

## **Future Research**

In 1993, Casto and White stated that “knowledge about what type of early intervention is best for which children under which conditions is a gradual, cumulative process that requires hundreds of studies by dozens of researchers over a substantial period of time” (Casto & White, 1993, p. 234). Given these criteria, the current science of SLP service delivery to young children remains woefully understudied. Future studies examining service delivery should systematically examine discrete aspects of service delivery in children using well-designed and highly controlled methodologies. These investigations should consider and control for confounding variables such as intervention type, age at initiation of intervention, and parental participation and involvement. To determine the clinical applicability of different models, studies should incorporate children with various types of disabilities and severity levels. Similar types of investigations should be conducted on combinations of different service delivery variables as well.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the studies included in this EBSR, service delivery factors do not appear to have a significant effect on speech and language outcomes in young children. At this time, however, the existing research is inadequate and too compromised by qualitative and methodological limitations. Therefore, the results of this EBSR offer little direction to SLPs seeking to understand the implications of service delivery on treatment outcomes. Clinicians, however, should not consider a lack of considerable and compelling evidence as a reason for inaction (Petticrew, 2003). Instead, SLPs must consistently and conscientiously evaluate not only the effects of the intervention they provide but also the framework in which it is delivered.

Failure to do so may result in decisions regarding service delivery being made based on external



factors such as time and resource constraints instead of the individual needs of the child. Through the coordinated accumulation of high-quality evidence by both clinicians and researchers, we can gather insight into the key variables that contribute to maximizing the speech and language skills of young children with communication disorders.

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**Table 1.** Clinical questions.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Question</b>
1	What is the effect of frequency, intensity, or duration of service on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?
2	What is the effect of indirect versus direct service on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?
3	What is the effect of individual versus group treatment on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?
4	What is the effect of treatment setting on speech and language outcomes for children birth-to-5 years of age with a speech or language disorder?



**Table 2.** Quality indicators.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Quality marker</b>
Study design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Controlled trial*</li><li>• Cohort study</li><li>• Retrospective case control or single-subject design</li><li>• Case series</li><li>• Case study</li></ul>
Blinding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessors blinded*</li><li>• Assessors not blinded or not stated</li></ul>
Sampling/allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Random sample adequately described*</li><li>• Random sample inadequately described</li><li>• Convenience sample adequately described</li><li>• Convenience sample inadequately described, hand-picked sample, or not stated</li></ul>
Group/participant comparability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Groups/participants comparable at baseline on important factors (between-subjects design) or participant(s) adequately described (within-subject design)*</li><li>• Groups/participants not comparable at baseline, comparability not reported, or participant(s) not adequately described</li></ul>
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least one primary outcome measure is valid and reliable*</li><li>• Validity unknown but appears reasonable; measure is reliable</li><li>• Invalid and/or unreliable</li></ul>
Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>p</i> value reported or calculable*</li><li>• <i>p</i> value neither reported nor calculable</li></ul>
Precision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effect size and confidence interval reported or calculable*</li><li>• Effect size or confidence interval, but not both, reported or calculable</li><li>• Neither effect size nor confidence interval reported or calculable</li></ul>
Intention to treat (controlled trials only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzed by intention to treat*</li><li>• Not analyzed by intention to treat or not stated</li></ul>

\*Indicates highest level of quality in each category.

**Table 3.** Quality appraisal indicators for included studies.

Citation	Clinical questions				Design	Adequate description of study protocol	Assessor blinding	Random sampling or allocation described	Participants comparable/described	Evidence of treatment fidelity	Significance	Precision	Intention to treat
	1	2	3	4									
Barnett et al. (1988)	X			X	Controlled trial	Yes	NR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Barratt et al. (1992)	X				Controlled trial	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Chiara et al. (1995)	X		X		Single-subject design	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA
Colozzi et al. (2008)			X		Single-subject design	Yes	No	NR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA
Crain-Thoreson & Dale (1999)				X	Controlled trial	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Eiserman et al. (1990)	X	X	X	X	Controlled trial	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NR
Eiserman et al. (1992)	X	X	X	X	Controlled trial	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NR
Gibbard (1994): Experiment 2		X			Controlled trial	No	NR	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NR
Harris et al. (1990)				X	Controlled trial	No	NR	NR	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NR

Lonigan & Whitehurst (1998)	X	X	X	Controlled trial	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Luiselli et al. (2000)	X			Controlled trial	Yes	No	No	NR	Yes	Yes	No	NR
Rafferty et al. (2003)			X	Controlled trial	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	NR
Smith et al. (2000)	X			Controlled trial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NR
Valdez & Montgomery (1996)			X	Controlled trial	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	NR
Venn et al. (1996)	X			Single-subject design	Yes	No	NR	Yes	Yes	No	No	NA
Whitehurst et al. (1994)	X			Controlled trial	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NR
Wilcox et al. (1991)	X	X	X	Controlled trial	Yes	NR	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NR

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*Note.* NA = not applicable; NR = not reported or calculable.

**Table 4.** Participant and intervention characteristics of included studies.

Citation	n	Reported age range (and/or mean) in months	Gender		Reported medical and/or SLP diagnosis	Intervention
			Male	Female		
Barnett et al. (1988)	39	35–59 (44)	11	28	Speech and/or language delay	Individualized pragmatic approach focusing on social interaction, language stimulation, and speech development
Barratt et al. (1992)	39	37–43 (40)	27	12	Developmental language delay	Language development through play in addition to structured work on individual child's language needs
Chiara et al. (1995)	1	59	1	0	Short gut syndrome and developmental delay	5-s constant time delay procedure
Colozzi et al. (2008)	4	43–52	3	1	ASD and/or moderate-severe developmental disabilities	A simultaneous physical and verbal prompting procedure
Crain-Thoreson & Dale (1999)	32	39–66 (52)	22	10	Mild to moderate language delay	Dialogic reading
Eiserman et al. (1990)	40	37–58 (41)	33	7	Moderate speech and language disorder	Phonetic and phonological approaches including demonstration of sound placement, sound discrimination, sound practice, relationship between sounds and language
Eiserman et al. (1992) <sup>a</sup>	12	(64)	NR	NR	Moderate speech and language disorder	Phonetic and phonological approaches including demonstration of sound placement, sound discrimination, sound practice, relationship between sounds and language
Gibbard (1994): Experiment 2	25	27–39 (32)	19	6	Expressive language delay	Structured teaching methods and games to increase linguistic complexity
Harris et al. (1990)	10	49–66 (57)	8	2	ASD	Developmentally organized and language focused preschool combining incidental learning and structured teaching

Lonigan & Whitehurst (1998) <sup>b</sup>	29	33–60 (45)	NR	NR	Receptive and expressive vocabulary delay	Dialogic reading
Luiselli et al. (2000)	16	26–57 (39)	15	1	ASD	Discrete trial instruction
Rafferty et al. (2003)	96	33–57 (48)	68	28	Preschoolers with disabilities	Developmentally organized and language-focused preschool combining incidental learning and structured teaching both individually and in groups
Smith et al. (2000)	28	NR (36)	23	5	ASD	Discrete trial instruction
Valdez & Montgomery (1996)	40	36–60 (NR)	NR	NR	Speech and language disorder	Treatment targeted concept development (not further specified)
Venn et al. (1996)	2	Participant 1: 66; Participant 2: 43	2	0	Participant 1: ASD; Participant 2: ASD and developmental deficits	Constant time delay
Whitehurst et al. (1994)	70	NR (41)	39	31	Vocabulary and expressive language delays	Dialogic reading
Wilcox et al. (1991)	20	20–47 (26)	NR	NR	Language delays	Interactive modeling including high-density lexical models in a conversational format embedded in ongoing activities

*Note.* SLP = speech-language pathologist; ASD = autism spectrum disorder; NR = not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Follow-up to Eiserman et al. (1990); only continuing cohort included.

<sup>b</sup>High compliance group only.

**Table 5.** Dosage comparison (Question 1) outcomes summary table.

Citation	Intervention schedule	Service delivery models compared (assigned direction of effect size)	Outcome measures	Findings (condition favored)	Effect size [95% CI]
Barratt et al. (1992)	More frequent treatment group: 40-min sessions, 4 sessions/week over 2 separate 3-month periods, for a maximum of 24 sessions Weekly group: 40-min sessions, 1 session/week for 6 months, for a maximum of 24 sessions	1 session/week (negative effect) versus 4 sessions/week (positive effect)	RDLs Comprehension subscale	<i>ns</i>	NR
			RDLs Expression subscale	$p = .02$ (4 sessions/week treatment)	NR
Chiara et al. (1995)	Small group massed trial: 10 trials/day presented in 1 session Individual distributed trial treatment: 10 trials/day distributed across 10 sessions	1 session/day (negative effect) versus 10 sessions/day (positive effect)	Picture-naming efficiency to meet criterion	NR	NR
Eiserman et al. (1990)	Clinic-based direct group treatment: 1-hr sessions, 1 session/week for 7 months Home-based indirect individual treatment: 20–30-min sessions, 4 sessions/week for 7 months	1 session/week and less treatment (negative effect) versus 4 sessions/week and more treatment (positive effect)	GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.61 [–0.04, 1.23]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.53 [–0.11, 1.15]
			PLS	<i>ns</i>	0.61
			TACL–R	<i>ns</i>	0.38
			Parent–child language sample: DSS	<i>ns</i>	0.08
Parent–child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances	<i>ns</i>	0.5 [–0.15, 1.13]			

			Parent-child language sample: percentage of child utterances— responses to requests	$p = .03$ (4 sessions/week treatment)	0.82 [0.15, 1.46]
			Parent-child language sample: percentage of child spontaneous utterances	$p = .004$ (1 session/week treatment)	-1.17 [-1.82, 0.47]
			SLP-child language sample: DSS	<i>ns</i>	0.29 [-0.34, 0.91]
			SLP-child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances	$p = .04$ (4 sessions/week treatment)	0.74 [0.09, 1.37]
Eiserman et al. (1992) <sup>a</sup>	Clinic-based direct group treatment: 1-hr session, 1 session/week for 42 months Home-based indirect individual treatment: 20-30-min session, 4 sessions/week for 42 months	1 session/week and less treatment (negative effect) versus 4 sessions/week and more treatment (positive effect)	BDI Communication DQ	<i>ns</i>	-0.42 [-1.55, 0.77]
			GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.42 [-0.74, 1.58]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.83 [-0.43, 1.95]
			TACL-R (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.07 [-1.08, 1.21]
			SPELT percentile rank:	<i>ns</i>	-0.46 [-1.58, 0.74]
Lonigan & Whitehurst (1998) <sup>b</sup>	School-based direct treatment: 10 min/day for 6 weeks Home group: daily for 6 weeks School + home group received both intervention schedules	Once daily treatment (negative effect) versus twice daily treatment (positive effect)	PPVT		
			School versus school + home	<i>ns</i>	-0.2 [-1.1, 0.7]
			Home versus school + home	<i>ns</i>	-0.34 [-1.37, 0.73]
			EOWPVT		
			School versus school + home	<i>ns</i>	0.01 [-0.88, 0.91]

			Home versus school + home	<i>ns</i>	-0.59 [-1.62, 0.52]
			ITPA: Verbal expression subtest		
			School versus school + home	<i>p</i> < .05 (twice daily treatment)	1.07 [0.08, 1.97]
			Home versus school + home	<i>p</i> < .05 (twice daily treatment)	1.25 [0.03, 2.3]
			MLU		
			School versus school + home	<i>p</i> < .05 (twice daily treatment)	1.61 [0.5, 2.58]
			Home versus school+ home	<i>ns</i>	0.84 [-0.3, 1.87]
			Number of different words		
			School versus school + home	<i>ns</i>	0.79 [-0.19, 1.71]
			Home versus school + home	<i>p</i> < .05 (twice daily treatment)	1.77 [0.44, 2.86]
Luiselli et al. (2000)	Group 1: on average received 11.8 hr/week over 11.6 months for a total 583.5 hr	Fewer hours/week (negative effect) versus more hours/week of treatment (positive effect)	Communication subscale of ELAP	<i>ns</i>	NR



	Group 2: on average received 15.6 hr/week over 7.2 months for a total of 455 hr		Communication subscale of LAP	<i>ns</i>	NR
	Group 2 received significantly more hours/week of treatment (There was no significant difference between the two groups on total amount of treatment or duration.)				
Smith et al. (2000)	Intensive: 30 hr/week gradually reduced after 2–3 years. On average, group received 2,137.8 hr of treatment over 33.4 months Less intensive: 5 hr/week of parent training and 5 hr/week of treatment provided by parent. Parent training provided for 3–9 months.	5–10 hr weekly and smaller dosage of treatment (negative effect) versus 30 hr weekly and greater dosage of treatment (positive effect)	RDLS Comprehension subscale	<i>ns</i>	0.49 [–0.27, 1.23]
			RDLS Expression subscale	<i>ns</i>	0.37 [–0.39, 1.11]
			RDLS Total score	<i>p</i> < .05 (higher dosage)	0.65 [–0.13, 1.39]
			Vineland Communication subscale	<i>ns</i>	0.28 [–0.47, 1.02]
Venn et al. (1996)	Treatment was delivered every day for one set of stimuli and every other day for another until preset criterion was reached.	Every other day (negative effect) versus everyday (positive effect) treatment	Participant 1: number naming	NR	NR
			Participant 2: letter naming	NR	NR
Whitehurst et al. (1994)	Group 1: School-based direct: 10–min sessions, 5 sessions/week for 6 weeks Average number of sessions = 16.3 Group 2: Received school-based + home-based indirect: NR for 6 weeks	Fewer total treatment sessions (negative effect) versus more total treatment sessions (positive effect)	PPVT: posttreatment	<i>ns</i>	0.13 [–0.47, 0.72]
			PPVT: 6-month follow-up	<i>ns</i>	0.26 [–0.39, 0.89]
			EOWPVT–R: posttreatment	<i>p</i> = .04 (more total treatment)	0.31 [–0.29, 0.9]

Average number of sessions =  
34.58

sessions)

EOWPVT-R: 6-month follow-up	<i>ns</i>	0 [-0.65, 0.65]
Our Word (posttreatment only)- expressive test devised for study	<i>ns</i>	0.36 [-0.24 0.95]
ITPA: posttreatment	<i>ns</i>	0.07 [-0.53, 0.66]

Wilcox et al. (1991)	Classroom-based group treatment: 3-hr sessions twice weekly over 12–16 weeks for a total of 24 sessions Pull-out individual treatment: 45-min sessions twice weekly over 12–16 weeks for a total of 24 sessions	90 min/week (negative effect) versus 6 hr/week of treatment (positive effect)	Number of words used productively in spontaneous speech in the home and treatment setting			
				Number of words targeted	<i>ns</i>	0.56 [-0.36, 1.42]
				Productive use of target words (treatment and home)	<i>ns</i>	0.66 [-0.27, 1.53]
				Overall use of target words (treatment and home)	<i>ns</i>	0.24 [-0.65, 1.11]

*Note.* CI = confidence interval; RDLS = Reynell Developmental Language Scales; NR = not reported or calculable; GFTA = Goldman Fristoe Test of Articulation; PLS = Preschool Language Scale; TACL-R = Test for Auditory Comprehension of Language—Revised; SLP = speech-language pathologist; DSS = developmental sentence score; BDI = Batelle Developmental Inventory; DQ = developmental quotient; SPELT = Structured Photographic Expressive Language Test; PPVT = Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test; EOWPVT-R = Expressive One-Word Picture Vocabulary Test—Revised; ITPA = Illinois Test of Psycholinguistic Abilities; MLU = mean length of utterance; ELAP = Early Learning Accomplishment Profile; LAP = Learning Accomplishment Profile; .

<sup>a</sup>Continuing cohort only.

<sup>b</sup>High compliance only.

**Table 6.** Direct versus indirect treatment (Question 2) outcomes summary table.

Citation	Intervention schedule	Service delivery models compared (assigned direction of effect size)	Outcome measures	Findings	Effect size [95% CI]
Barnett et al. (1988)	Center-based direct treatment: 2.5-hr sessions, 4 sessions/week for 13 weeks	SLP-delivered treatment (negative effect) versus parent-delivered treatment (positive effect)	Direct treatment group		
			PLS-R	<i>ns</i>	NR
	AAPS		<i>ns</i>	NR	
	Indirect treatment group				
Home-based indirect treatment group: 15-min sessions twice daily for 13 weeks	Additionally, parents received 2.5-hr training sessions, 9 sessions total	PLS-R	$p < .01$	NR	
		AAPS	$p < .05$	NR	
Eiserman et al. (1990)	Clinic-based direct treatment group: 1 hr once weekly for 7 months	SLP-delivered treatment (negative effect) versus parent-delivered treatment (positive effect)	GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.61 [-0.04, 1.23]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.53 [-0.11, 1.15]
	PLS (Total DQ)		<i>ns</i>	0.61	
	TACL-R (Total DQ)		<i>ns</i>	0.38	
	Parent-child language sample: DSS		<i>ns</i>	0.08	
	Parent-child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances		<i>ns</i>	0.5 [-0.15, 1.13]	
	Parent-child language sample: percentage of child utterances- responses to requests		$p = .03$ (indirect)	0.82 [0.15, 1.46]	
	Parent-child language sample: percentage of child spontaneous utterances		$p = .004$ (direct)	-1.17 [-1.82, -0.47]	

			SLP-child language sample-DSS	<i>ns</i>	0.29 [-0.34, 0.91]
			SLP-child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances	<i>p</i> = .04 (indirect)	0.74 [0.09, 1.37]
Eiserman et al. (1992) <sup>a</sup>	Clinic-based direct group treatment: 1 hr once weekly for 42 months Home-based indirect individual treatment: 20-30-min sessions, 4 sessions/week for 42 months	SLP-delivered treatment (negative effect) versus parent-delivered treatment (positive effect)	BDI Communication DQ	<i>ns</i>	-0.42 [-1.55, 0.77]
			GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.42 [-0.74, 1.16]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.83 [-0.43, 1.95]
			TACL-R (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.07 [-1.08, 1.21]
			SPELT percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	-0.46 [-1.58, 0.74]
Gibbard (1994): Experiment 2	Direct: 30-min sessions, 1 session/week for 6 months Indirect: NR for 6 months	SLP-delivered treatment (negative effect) versus parent-delivered treatment (positive effect)	RDLS Comprehension subscale	<i>ns</i>	0.8 [-0.23, 1.74]
			RDLS Expressive subscale	<i>ns</i>	0.33 [-0.64, 1.27]
			DLSPT One Word scores	<i>ns</i>	0.79 [-0.23, 1.74]
			DLSPT Total scores	<i>ns</i>	0.78 [-0.24, 1.73]
			RAPT Grammatical ability	<i>ns</i>	0.74 [-0.28, 1.68]
			RAPT Information	<i>ns</i>	0.34 [-0.63, 1.29]
			Language sample: One word scores	<i>ns</i>	-0.53 [-1.47, 0.46]
			Language sample: Total scores	<i>ns</i>	0.45 [-0.54, 1.39]
			MLU	<i>p</i> = .008 (indirect)	1.24 [0.14, 2.2]
			Parental report of expressive vocabulary	<i>ns</i>	0.14 [-0.82, 1.08]
			Parental report of phrase length	<i>ns</i>	0.44 [-0.54, 1.38]

*Note.* CI = confidence interval; SLP = speech-language pathologist; PLS-R = Preschool Language Scale—Revised; NR = not reported or calculable; AAPS = Arizona Articulation Proficiency Scale; GFTA = Goldman Fristoe Test of Articulation; PLS = Preschool Language Scale; DQ = developmental quotient; TACL-R = Test for Auditory Comprehension of Language—Revised; DSS = developmental sentence score; BDI = Batelle Developmental Inventory; SPELT =

Structured Photographic Expressive Language Test; RDLs = Reynell Developmental Language Scales; DLSPT = Derbyshire Language Scheme Picture Test; RAPT = Renfrew Action Picture Test; MLU = mean length of utterance.

<sup>a</sup>Continuing cohort only.

**Table 7.** Individual versus group treatment (Question 3) outcomes summary table.

<b>Citation</b>	<b>Intervention schedule</b>	<b>Service delivery models compared (assigned direction of effect size)</b>	<b>Outcome measures</b>	<b>Findings</b>	<b>Effect size [95% CI]</b>
Chiara et al. (1995)	Small group massed trial: 10 trials/day presented in one session Individual distributed trial instruction: 10 trials/day distributed across 10 sessions	Small group of 2–3 children (negative effect) versus individual treatment (positive effect)	Picture-naming efficiency to meet criterion	NR	NR
Colozzi et al. (2008)	Individual: 6 min/day Small group: 24 min/day	Group of 4 children (negative effect) versus individual treatment (positive effect)	Verbal imitation	NR	NR
Eiserman et al. (1990)	Clinic-based direct treatment group: 1 hr weekly for 7 months Home-based indirect treatment group: 20–30-min sessions, 4 sessions/week for 7 months	Small group of 2 children (negative effect) versus individual treatment (positive effect)	GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.61 [–0.04, 1.23]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.53 [–0.11, 1.15]
			PLS (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.61
			TACL–R (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.38
			Parent–child language sample: DSS	<i>ns</i>	0.08
Parent–child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances	<i>ns</i>	0.5 [–0.15, 1.13]			
Parent–child language sample: percentage of child utterances— responses to requests	<i>p</i> = .03 (individual)	0.82 [0.15, 1.46]			

			Parent-child language sample: percentage of child spontaneous utterances	<i>p</i> = .004 (group)	-1.17 [-1.82, -0.47]
			SLP-child language sample: DSS	<i>ns</i>	0.29 [-0.34, 0.91]
			SLP-child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances	<i>p</i> = .04 (individual)	0.74 [0.09, 1.37]
Eiserman et al. (1992) <sup>a</sup>	Clinic-based direct group treatment: 1 hr weekly for 42 months Home-based indirect individual treatment: 20-30 min sessions, 4sessions/week for 42 months	Small group of 2 children (negative effect) versus individual treatment (positive effect)	BDI Communication DQ	<i>ns</i>	-0.42 [-1.55, 0.77]
			GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.42 [-0.74, 1.16]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.83 [-0.43, 1.95]
			TACL-R (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.07 [-1.08, 1.21]
			SPELT percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.46 [-1.58, 0.74]
Lonigan & Whitehurst (1998) <sup>b</sup>	School-based direct treatment group: 10 min daily for 6 weeks Home-based indirect individual treatment: daily for 6 weeks	Group of ≤5 children (negative effect) versus individual treatment (positive effect)	PPVT	<i>ns</i>	0.14 [-0.76, 1.04]
			EOWPVT-R	<i>ns</i>	0.53 [-0.4, 1.42]
			ITPA	<i>ns</i>	-0.12 [-1.01, 0.78]
			MLU	<i>ns</i>	0.59 [-0.37, 1.5]
			Number of different words	<i>ns</i>	-0.48 [-1.39, 0.47]

Wilcox et al. (1991)	Classroom-based group treatment: 3-hr sessions, 2 sessions/week over 12–16 weeks for a total of 24 sessions Pull-out individual treatment: 45-min sessions, 2 sessions/week over 12–16 weeks for a total of 24 sessions	Classroom of 12–14 children (negative effect) versus individual treatment (positive effect)	Number of words used productively in spontaneous speech in the home and treatment setting		
			Number of words targeted	<i>ns</i>	–0.56 [–1.42, 0.36]
			Productive use of target words (treatment and home)	<i>ns</i>	–0.66 [–1.53, 0.27]
			Overall use of target words (treatment and home)	<i>ns</i>	–0.24 [–1.11, 0.65]

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*Note.* CI = confidence interval; NR = not reported or calculable; GFTA= Goldman Fristoe Test of Articulation; PLS = Preschool Language Scale; DQ = developmental quotient; TACL–R = Test of Auditory Comprehension of Language—Revised; DSS = developmental sentence score; SLP= speech-language pathologist; BDI = Batelle Developmental Inventory; SPELT = Structured Photographic Expressive Language Test; PPVT = Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test; EOWPVT–R = Expressive One-Word Picture Vocabulary Test—Revised; ITPA = Illinois Test of Psycholinguistic Abilities; MLU = mean length of utterance.

<sup>a</sup>Continuing cohort only.

<sup>b</sup>High compliance only.



**Table 8.** Treatment setting comparison (Question 4) outcomes summary table.

Citation	Intervention schedule	Service delivery models compared (assigned direction of effect size)	Outcome measures	Findings	Effect size [95% CI]
Barnett et al. (1988)	Center-based direct treatment: 2.5-hr sessions, 4 sessions/week for 13 weeks	Center-based (negative effect) versus home-based treatment (positive effect)	Center-based group		
			PLS-R	<i>ns</i>	NR
	Home-based indirect treatment group: 15-min sessions, twice daily for 13 weeks Additionally, parents received 2.5-hr training sessions, 9 sessions total		AAPS	<i>ns</i>	NR
	Home-based group				
			PLS-R	$p < .01$	NR
			AAPS	$p < .05$	NR
Crain-Thoreson & Dale (1999)	Clinic-based direct treatment group: 4 sessions weekly for 8 weeks	Clinic-based (negative effect) versus home-based treatment (positive effect)	MLU	<i>ns</i>	-0.43[-1.24, 0.42]
			Number of utterances	<i>ns</i>	-0.02 [-0.85, 0.8]
	Home-based indirect treatment group: at least 4 sessions weekly for 8 weeks		Lexical diversity	<i>ns</i>	-0.25 [-1.07, 0.59]
			PPVT	<i>ns</i>	0.14 [-0.68, 0.97]
			EOWPVT-R	<i>ns</i>	0.4 [-0.44, 1.22]
Eiserman et al. (1990)	Clinic-based direct treatment group: 1 hr/week for 7 months	Clinic-based (negative effect versus home-based treatment (positive effect)	GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.61 [-0.04, 1.23]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.53 [-0.11, 1.15]
	Home-based indirect treatment group: 20–30- min sessions, 4		PLS (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.61

	sessions/week for 7 months		TACL-R (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.38
			Parent-child language sample: DSS	<i>ns</i>	0.08
			Parent-child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances	<i>ns</i>	0.5 [-0.15, 1.13]
			Parent-child language sample: percentage of child utterances—responses to requests	<i>p</i> = .03 (home)	0.82 [0.15, 1.46]
			Parent-child language sample: percentage of child spontaneous utterances	<i>p</i> = .004 (clinic)	-1.17 [-1.82, -0.47]
			SLP-child language sample: DSS	<i>ns</i>	0.29 [-0.34, 0.91]
			SLP-child language sample: number of unintelligible utterances	<i>p</i> = .04 (home)	0.74 [0.09, 1.37]
Eiserman et al. (1992) <sup>a</sup>	Clinic-based direct group treatment: 1 hr/week for 42 months	Clinic-based (negative effect) versus home-based treatment (positive effect)	BDI Communication DQ	<i>ns</i>	-0.42 [-1.55, 0.77]
	Home-based indirect individual treatment: 20–30-min sessions, 4 sessions/week for 42 months		GFTA—number of errors	<i>ns</i>	0.42 [-0.74, 1.16]
			GFTA—percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.83 [-0.43, 1.95]
			TACL-R (Total DQ)	<i>ns</i>	0.07 [-1.08, 1.21]
			SPELT percentile rank	<i>ns</i>	0.46 [-1.58, 0.74]

Harris et al. (1990)	NR	Segregated preschool classrooms (negative effect) versus integrated preschool classrooms (positive effect)	PLS (language age)	<i>ns</i>	0.51 [-0.8, 1.71]
			Rate of language development (language age/chronological age)	<i>ns</i>	0.2 [-1.06, 1.43]
Lonigan & Whitehurst (1998) <sup>b</sup>	School-based direct treatment group: 10 min daily for 6 weeks Home group: daily for 6 weeks	School-based (negative effect) versus home-based treatment (positive effect)	PPVT	<i>ns</i>	0.14 [-0.76, 1.04]
			EOWPVT	<i>ns</i>	0.53 [-0.4, 1.42]
			ITPA: Verbal Expression subtest	<i>ns</i>	-0.12 [-1.01, 0.78]
			MLU	<i>ns</i>	0.59 [-0.37, 1.5]
			Number of different words	<i>ns</i>	-0.48 [-1.39, 0.47]
Rafferty et al. (2003)	NR for 7–8 months	Segregated preschool classroom (negative effect) versus inclusive preschool classroom (positive effect)	Severe group		
			PLS-3 Auditory comprehension	<i>p</i> < .01 (inclusive class)	0.81 [0.19, 1.38]
			PLS-3 Expressive	<i>p</i> < .01 (inclusive class)	0.84 [0.22, 1.42]
			Less severe group		
			PLS-3 Auditory comprehension	<i>ns</i>	0.28 [-0.53, 1.08]
Valdez & Montgomery (1996)	90-min session weekly for 6 months, 36 hr of total treatment	Pull-out (negative effect) versus classroom-based treatment (positive effect)	CELF-P Receptive	<i>ns</i>	NR
			CELF-P Expressive	<i>ns</i>	NR
			CELF-P Total	<i>ns</i>	NR

Wilcox et al. (1991)	Classroom-based group treatment: 3-hr sessions twice weekly for 12–16 weeks for a total of 24 sessions	Pull-out (negative effect) versus classroom-based treatment (positive effect)	Number of words used productively in spontaneous speech in the home and treatment setting		
	Pull-out individual treatment: 45-min sessions twice weekly for 12–16 weeks for a total of 24 sessions		Number of words targeted	<i>ns</i>	0.56 [–0.36, 1.42]
			Productive use of target words (treatment and home)	<i>ns</i>	0.66 [–0.27, 1.53]
		Overall use of target words (treatment and home)	<i>ns</i>	0.24 [–0.65, 1.11]	

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*Note.* CI = confidence interval; PLS–R = Preschool Language Scale—Revised; NR = not reported or calculable; AAPS = Arizona Articulation Proficiency Scale; MLU = mean length of utterance; PPVT = Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test; EOWPVT–R = Expressive One-Word Picture Vocabulary Test—Revised; GFTA = Goldman-Fristoe Test of Articulation; PLS = Preschool Language Scale; DQ = developmental quotient; TACL–R = Test of Auditory Comprehension of Language—Revised; DSS = developmental sentence score; SLP = speech-language pathologist; BDI = Batelle Developmental Inventory; SPELT = Structured Photographic Expressive Language Test; ITPA = Illinois Test of Psycholinguistic Abilities; PLS–3 = Preschool Language Scale, Third Edition; CELF–P = Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals—Preschool.

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<sup>b</sup>High compliance only.

**Table 9.** Cultural and linguistic characteristics of study participants.

Citation	Study location	Socioeconomic status as reported in article	Parental education	Family status	Race/ ethnicity as reported in article	English as primary language in home	Parental employment	Differences in results related to cultural or linguistic factors
Barnett et al. (1988)	USA	All families “middle income”	“Most of the parents had attended college”	95% both parents in home	NR	NR	NR	NR
Barratt et al. (1992)	England	NR	NR	NR	Afro-Caribbean: 64% White: 28% Other: 8%	NR	NR	Whites and non-Whites had similar scores in comprehension and expression at the outset of the study. Whites and non-Whites made similar gains in comprehension ( $p = .28$ ), but Whites made significantly greater gains in expression ( $p < .01$ ).
Chiara et al. (1995)	USA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Colozzi et al. (2008)	USA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crain-Thoreson & Dale (1999)	USA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Eiserman et al. (1990)/ Eiserman et al. (1992)	USA	Mean HHI = \$27,449	Mean years of schooling: mothers 14.25, fathers 14.5	95% both parents in home	Caucasian: 100%	100%	Mothers: 37% employed; mean hr/week employed=	NR

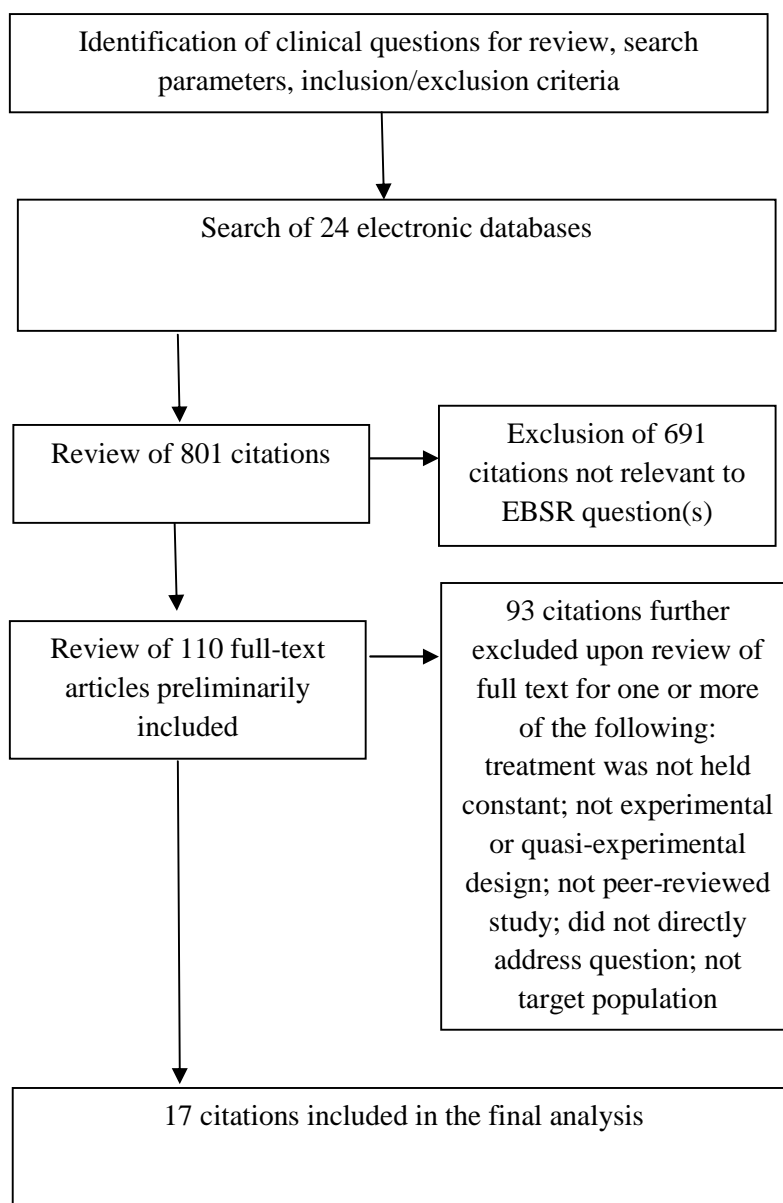
							9.65; 17.5% employed as technical/ managerial or above Fathers: mean hr/week employed = 40.75; 67.5% employed as technical managerial or above	
Gibbard (1994): Experiment 2	England	Social class 1: <i>N</i> = 0 2: <i>N</i> = 5 3M: <i>N</i> = 3 3N: <i>N</i> = 5 4: <i>N</i> = 0 5: <i>N</i> = 0 Unemployed: <i>N</i> = 4	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Harris et al. (1990)	USA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lonigan & Whitehurst (1998)	USA	“low income families”	NR	NR	African American: 91.2%	100%	NR	NR
Luiselli et al. (2000)	USA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rafferty et al. (2003)	USA	NR	48% of mothers and 40% of fathers beyond high school level education	80% both parents in home	Caucasian: 87%	NR	Mothers: 45%; fathers: 92%	NR

Smith et al. (2000)	USA	Median HHI: \$40,000–\$50,000	Mean years of schooling: mothers 13, fathers 14	71% both parents in home	White: 50% Hispanic: 22% African American: 14% Asian: 14%	NR	NR	NR
Valdez & Montgomery (1996)	USA	All eligible for placement in Head Start	NR	NR	African American: 100%	NR	NR	NR
Venn et al. (1996)	USA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Whitehurst et al. (1994)	USA	“Low-income families”	Mean years of schooling: mothers 12.59, partners 12.32	46% married, 58% living with husband/partner	African American: 55% Hispanic: 23% White: 22%	Mothers: 90%; partners: 82%	Mothers: 91%; partners: 70%	NR
Wilcox et al. (1991)	USA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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*Note.* HHI = household income; NR = not reported.

Figure 1. Flowchart of study identification process.





## Appendix A

### Databases, Search Dates, and Expanded Search Terms Used in Systematic Search

Date	Database	Search terms
9/24/09– 10/14/09	PubMed	<p>("Rehabilitation of Speech and Language Disorders"[Mesh] OR "Communication Disorders/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Child Development Disorders, Pervasive/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Developmental Disabilities/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Learning Disorders/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Mental Retardation/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Speech-Language Pathology"[Mesh] OR "Hearing Loss/rehabilitation"[Mesh] OR "Hearing Loss/therapy"[Mesh]) AND ("Classroom direct" OR "classroom based" OR "collaborative consultation" OR Hanen OR "dosage of service" OR "Parent Training" OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR group size OR "Push in" OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR home OR intensive OR inclusion) AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention)))</p> <p>Limits: Humans, English, Newborn: birth–1 month, Infant: 1–23 months, Preschool Child: 2–5 years</p>
9/24/09– 10/14/09	PubMed	<p>("Rehabilitation of Speech and Language Disorders"[Mesh] OR "Communication Disorders/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Child Development Disorders, Pervasive/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Developmental Disabilities/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Learning Disorders/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Mental Retardation/therapy"[Mesh] OR "Speech-Language Pathology"[Mesh] OR "Hearing Loss/rehabilitation"[Mesh] OR "Hearing Loss/therapy"[Mesh]) AND (mainstream OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR "individual therapy" OR "individual training" OR "individual teaching" OR "individual intervention" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive) AND (train OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom)) OR ((“one-to-one” OR integrated OR inclusive OR segregated OR “in-class” OR “out-of-class”) AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom)))</p> <p>Limits: Humans, English, Newborn: birth–1 month, Infant: 1–23 months, Preschool Child: 2–5 years</p>

10/14/09	CINAHL	<p>(intellectual* disab* OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR “Savant Syndrome” OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR “Multiple disabilities” OR severe disab* OR Mental retard* OR Deaf OR “hard of hearing” OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR “Complex communication needs” OR stutter* OR fluency OR ((Speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))) AND (“classroom based” OR mainstream OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR “individual therapy” OR “individual training” OR “individual teaching” OR “individual intervention” OR "Parent Training" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive OR “one-to-one” OR integrated OR inclusive OR segregated OR “in-class” OR “out-of-class”) AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom)))</p> <p>Publication Year: 1975–2009; Peer Reviewed; Exclude MEDLINE records; Age Groups: Infant, Newborn 0–1 month, Infant, 1–23 months, Child, Preschool 2–5 years</p>
10/15/09– 10/21/09	Mass Media Complete	<p>(intellectual* disab* OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR “Savant Syndrome” OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR “Multiple disabilities” OR severe disab* OR Mental retard* OR Deaf OR “hard of hearing” OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR “Complex communication needs” OR stutter* OR fluency OR ((Speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))) AND (“classroom based” OR mainstream OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR “individual therapy” OR “individual training” OR “individual teaching” OR “individual intervention” OR "Parent Training" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive OR “one-to-one” OR integrated OR inclusive OR segregated OR “in-class” OR “out-of-class”) AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom))) AND (infant* OR baby OR babies OR NICU OR neonat* OR toddler*</p>

		<p>OR perinatal OR newborn* OR child* AND children OR girl OR girls OR boy OR boys OR preschool* OR pre-school* OR kids)</p> <p>Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals; Published Date: 19750101-20091231; Language: English</p>
10/19/09– 10/20/09	ComDisDome	<p>KW = (intellectual* disab* OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR “Savant Syndrome” OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR “Multiple disabilities” OR severe disab* OR Mental retard* OR Deaf OR “hard of hearing” OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR “Complex communication needs” OR stutter* OR fluency OR ((Speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))</p> <p>AND</p> <p>KW = (“classroom based” OR mainstream OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR “individual therapy” OR “individual training” OR “individual teaching” OR “individual intervention” OR "Parent Training" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive OR “one-to-one” OR integrated OR inclusive OR segregated OR “in-class” OR “out-of-class”) AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom))</p> <p>AND</p> <p>KW = (infant* OR baby OR babies OR NICU OR neonat* OR toddler* OR perinatal OR newborn* OR child* AND children OR girl OR girls OR boy OR boys OR preschool* OR pre-school* OR kids)</p> <p>Peer reviewed tab</p>
10/30/09– 11/12/09	Education Research Complete	<p>(handicap* OR “special education” OR intellectual* disab* OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR “Savant Syndrome” OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR “Multiple</p>

		<p>disabilities” OR severe disab* OR Mental* retard* OR Deaf OR “hard of hearing” OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR “Complex communication needs” OR stutter* OR fluency OR ((Speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))) AND (“classroom based” OR mainstream* OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR “individual therapy” OR “individual training” OR “individual teaching” OR “individual intervention” OR "Parent Training" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR “ parent administered” OR “parent conducted” OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive OR “one-to-one” OR integrated OR inclusive OR segregated OR “in-class” OR “out-of-class”) AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom))) AND (infant* OR baby OR babies OR NICU OR neonat* OR toddler* OR perinatal OR newborn* OR child* AND children OR girl OR girls OR boy OR boys OR preschool* OR pre-school* OR kids) AND SU (AUTISM spectrum disorders OR SPEECH disorders OR COGNITION disorders OR "EDUCATION (Preschool)" OR SPEECH therapy OR COMMUNICATIVE disorders OR “MOTHER &amp; child” OR DEVELOPMENTALLY disabled children OR DEVELOPMENTALLY disabled OR AUTISM OR DEVELOPMENTAL disabilities OR INCLUSIVE education OR “CHILDREN -- Language” OR “CHILDREN with disabilities” OR “AUTISM in children” OR “early intervention” OR “language delay” OR “parent-based intervention” OR “INTERVENTION” OR NURSERY schools OR SPECIAL education OR PRESCHOOL children OR “EDUCATION -- Curricula” OR “SCHOOL management &amp; organization” OR INTERDISCIPLINARY approach)</p> <p>Limits: Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals; Published Date: 19750101-20091231; Language: English</p>
11/12/09– 11/24/09	PsycINFO	<p>(handicap* OR “special education” OR intellectual* disab* OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR “Savant Syndrome” OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR “Multiple disabilities” OR severe disab* OR Mental* retard* OR Deaf OR “hard of hearing” OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR “Complex communication needs” OR stutter* OR fluency OR</p>

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11/13/09–11/18/09	Science Citation Index Expanded; Social Sciences Citation Index	<p>TS = (handicap* OR "special education" OR intellectual* disab* OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR "Savant Syndrome" OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR "Multiple disabilities" OR severe disab* OR Mental* retard* OR Deaf OR "hard of hearing" OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR "Complex communication needs" OR stutter* OR fluency OR ((Speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))) AND Language=(English) AND Document Type=(Article)</p>

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11/19/09– 12/11/09	CSA: Social Services Abstracts, Linguistics Language Behaviour Abstracts, Neuroscience Abstracts, ERIC	<p>(handicap* OR "special education" OR intellectual* disab* OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR "Savant Syndrome" OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR "Multiple disabilities" OR severe disab* OR Mental* retard* OR Deaf OR "hard of hearing" OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR "Complex communication needs" OR stutter* OR fluency OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR ((Speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))) AND ("classroom based" OR mainstream* OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR "individual therapy" OR "individual training" OR "individual teaching" OR "individual intervention" OR "Parent Training" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR "parent administered" OR "parent conducted" OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive OR "one-to-one" OR integrated</p>

		<p>OR inclusive OR segregated OR "in-class" OR "out-of-class")  AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train  OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom)))  AND (infant* OR baby OR babies OR NICU OR neonat* OR  toddler* OR perinatal OR newborn* OR child* AND children OR  girl OR girls OR boy OR boys OR preschool* OR pre-school* OR  kids)</p> <p>Limit: Peer-Reviewed Journals</p>
12/4/09– 12/11/09	EBSCO: Health Source: Nursing/Academ ic Edition, Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection, OR Teacher Reference Center	<p>(handicap* OR "special education" OR intellectual* disab* OR  Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR  "Savant Syndrome" OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental  disab* OR "Multiple disabilities" OR severe disab* OR Mental*  retard* OR Deaf OR "hard of hearing" OR hearing impair* OR  hearing loss OR "Complex communication needs" OR stutter* OR  fluency OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language  OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment*  OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR ((Speech OR language)  AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))) AND  ("classroom based" OR mainstream* OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR  clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver*  OR "individual therapy" OR "individual training" OR "individual  teaching" OR "individual intervention" OR "Parent Training" OR  "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed"  OR "parent administered" OR "parent conducted" OR ((Indirect OR  direct OR intensity OR intensive OR "one-to-one" OR integrated  OR inclusive OR segregated OR "in-class" OR "out-of-class")  AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train  OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom)))  AND (infant* OR baby OR babies OR NICU OR neonat* OR  toddler* OR perinatal OR newborn* OR young child* AND young  children OR girl OR girls OR boy OR boys OR preschool* OR pre-  school* OR kids)</p> <p>Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals; Published Date from:  19750101-20091231</p>
12/14/09	Cochrane	<p>"(handicap* OR "special education" OR intellectual* disab* OR  ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning  OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab*  OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development*  Disorder OR Asperger* OR "Savant Syndrome" OR  "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR "Multiple</p>

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12/14/09	Cochrane	"(speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therap*) in Title, Abstract or Keywords and infant* OR baby OR babies OR NICU OR neonat* OR toddler* OR perinatal OR newborn* OR child* AND children OR girl OR girls OR boy OR boys OR preschool* OR pre-school* OR kids in Title, Abstract or Keywords in Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews"
12/14/09	CRD	(Speech OR language) AND (therap* OR patholog*) AND service delivery
12/15/09	CRD	("classroom based" OR mainstream* OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR "individual therapy" OR "individual training" OR "individual teaching" OR "individual intervention" OR "Parent Training" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR "parent administered" OR "parent conducted") AND (infant* OR baby OR toddler* OR newborn* OR child* OR preschool* OR pre-school*) AND (speech OR language)
12/15/09	CRD	(Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive OR "one-to-one" OR integrated OR inclusive OR segregated OR "in-class" OR "out-of-class") AND (infant* OR baby OR toddler* OR newborn* OR



		child* OR preschool* OR pre-school*) AND (speech OR language)
12/16/09	HighWire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ service delivery speech (all words in title or abstract)</li> <li>▸ infant baby toddler newborn child preschool pre-school (any words anywhere in article)</li> <li>▸ In HighWire-hosted journals</li> <li>▸ From Jan 1975 to Dec 2010</li> </ul>
12/16/09	HighWire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ service delivery language (all words in title or abstract)</li> <li>▸ infant baby toddler newborn child preschool pre-school (any words anywhere in article)</li> <li>▸ In HighWire-hosted journals</li> <li>▸ From Jan 1975 to Dec 2010</li> </ul>
12/16/09	HighWire	service delivery AND (infant OR baby OR toddler OR newborn OR child OR preschool OR pre-school) AND (speech OR language)
12/16/09– 12/17/09	HighWire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Indirect direct intensity intensive integrated mainstream Pull-out clinic-based home-based (any words in title or abstract)</li> <li>▸ ASHA journals</li> <li>▸ From Jan 1975 to Dec 2010</li> <li>▸ infant baby toddler newborn child preschool pre-school (any words anywhere in article)</li> </ul>
12/18/09	EBM guidelines	speech
12/18/09	EBM Guidelines	language
12/18/09	DIMDI	speech language service delivery
12/22/09	PsycBite	<p>Keyword: speech</p> <p>Patient Age Group: children</p>
12/22/09	PsycBite	Keyword: language

		Patient Age Group: children
12/22/09	SumSearch	Search for: SPEECH AND SERVICE AND DELIVERY (Focus: TREATMENT, ages: child, subjects: HUMAN)
12/22/09	SumSearch	Search for: LANGUAGE AND SERVICE AND DELIVERY (Focus: TREATMENT, ages: child, subjects: HUMAN)
12/23/09	Trip Database	(speech OR language) AND (pathology OR pathologist OR therapy OR therapist) AND service delivery AND (infant OR baby OR toddler OR newborn OR child OR preschool OR pre-school)
12/23/09	Science Direct	(handicap* OR "special education" OR intellectual* disab* OR Autis* OR Pervasive Development* Disorder OR Asperger* OR "Savant Syndrome" OR "Developmental delay" OR developmental disab* OR "Multiple disabilities" OR severe disab* OR Mental* retard* OR Deaf OR "hard of hearing" OR hearing impair* OR hearing loss OR "Complex communication needs" OR stutter* OR fluency OR ((cognitive OR phonological OR speech OR language OR learning OR reading OR communication) AND (impairment* OR disab* OR disorder* OR delay*)) OR ((Speech OR language) AND (patholog* OR therapy OR therapist OR therapies))) AND ("classroom based" OR mainstream* OR Hanen OR Pull-out OR clinic based OR home based OR small group OR service deliver* OR "individual therapy" OR "individual training" OR "individual teaching" OR "individual intervention" OR "Parent Training" OR "parent managed" OR "parent intervention" OR "parent directed" OR "parent administered" OR "parent conducted" OR ((Indirect OR direct OR intensity OR intensive OR "one-to-one" OR integrated OR inclusive OR segregated OR "in-class" OR "out-of-class") AND (therapy OR treatment OR model OR intervention OR train OR training OR instruction OR class OR classes OR classroom))) AND (infant* OR baby OR babies OR NICU OR neonat* OR toddler* OR perinatal OR newborn* OR child* AND children OR girl OR girls OR boy OR boys OR preschool* OR pre-school* OR kids)

## Appendix B

### Excluded Studies and Reason for Exclusion

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*Different treatments; Wrong population (too old)*

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*Wrong population (school-age); Not speech-language pathology*

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*No comparison of service delivery models*

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*No clinical question*

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*Two different treatments*

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*Wrong population*

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*No clinical question*

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*Wrong population (school-age); No clinical question*

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*No comparison of service delivery models or dosage*

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*Not a study*

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*No comparison of service delivery models*

Anderson, S. R., Avery, D. L., DiPietro, E. K., & Edwards, G. L. (1987). Intensive home-based early intervention with autistic children. *Education and Treatment of Children, 10*, 352–366.

*No comparison of service delivery models*

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*Different treatments*

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*No comparison of service delivery models*

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*No speech-language outcomes*

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*No comparison of service delivery models*

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*No clinical question; No comparison of service delivery models*

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*No clinical question; Service delivery model does not vary*

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*No clinical question*

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